

Remarks

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application.

The Office Action states that restriction to one of two inventions are required under 35 U.S.C. § 121. The Office Action states that the two inventions are:

- I. Claim 1-26 and 33-45; and
- II. Claims 27-32 and 46-49.

In response, Applicants elect Group II without traverse, and respectfully submit that claims 27-32 and 46-49 encompass the elected group.

Conclusion

Applicants submit that claims 1-49 distinguish patentably and non-obviously over the prior art of record and are in condition for allowance. An early indication of allowability is earnestly solicited.

If any extensions of time are necessary in connection with this Response A, Applicants hereby petition for such extension. If any fees are due in connection with this Response A, the authorization to charge deposit account 14-1270 for the fees associated therewith is hereby provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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